

## 3.8 Derivatives of inverse trig functions

Derivative of the Arcsine

 $y = \sin^{-1}(x)$  means  $x = \sin(y)$ 

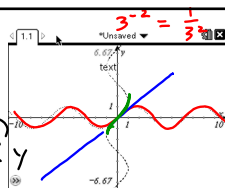
solve for y

 $y = \sin x$  swap x & y

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \text{range}$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1 \quad \text{domain}$$

restrict the range to make  $y = \arcsin(x)$  a function

$$\sin^{-1} 2 \text{ dne}$$

$$y = \sin^{-1} x \quad \text{means}$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(3x) = 3 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(3x)^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} u = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}}$$

$$x = \sin y$$

$$1 = y' \cos y$$

$$y' = \frac{1}{\cos y}$$

$$\sin^2 y + \cos^2 y = 1$$

$$\cos y = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2 y}$$

$$\cos y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

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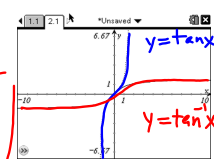
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$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1}(x^3)) = 2x \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-(x^2)^2}} = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{1-x^4}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{3} \right) = \frac{\frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{3}\right)^2}} = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\frac{x}{9}}}$$

## Derivative of the Arctangent

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1} u = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot \frac{1}{1+u^2}$$

What is the range of  $y = \arctan(x)$ ?

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A particle moves along the x-axis so that its position at any time  $t \geq 0$  is  $x(t) = \tan^{-1} \sqrt{t}$ . What is the velocity of the particle when  $t=16$ ?

$$v(t) = x'(t) = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + (\sqrt{t})^2}$$

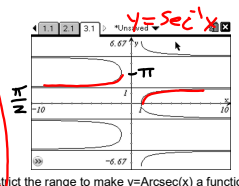
$$x'(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{t}} \cdot \frac{1}{1+t}$$

$$x'(16) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{16}} \cdot \frac{1}{1+16} = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{17} = \frac{1}{136}$$

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Derivative of the Arcsecant

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1} u = \frac{du}{dx} \cdot \frac{1}{|u| \sqrt{u^2 - 1}}$$



restrict the range to make  $y = \text{Arcsec}(x)$  a function

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \sec^{-1}(5x^4) &= 20x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{|5x^4| \sqrt{(5x^4)^2 - 1}} \\ &= \frac{4}{x \sqrt{25x^8 - 1}} \end{aligned}$$

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Derivatives of the other three

$$\cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x$$

$$\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\cot^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1} x = -\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \cot^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

$$\csc^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sec^{-1} x$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \csc^{-1} x = -\frac{1}{|x| \sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

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Derivative of an inverse function

If  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse functions then  $g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(g(x))}$

$$g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(y)}$$

$$y = g(x)$$

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